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Dear Paul,

This is to add a bit to what I told you about the CIA and behavioral modification, with but not only with drugs.

As I told you I had obtained some pages of the CIA's Inspector General's report on this. I let a reporter friend have them. He was to make a copy for himself, a copy for me to send to my source and to return what for me were my originals. He did not return all and he provided a duplicate of only parts. I sent those parts to my source, who received them yesterday and phoned me in some excitement last night.

What excited him most of all is a reference to what he had mentioned to me earlier without using that word, "psychoacoustic."

This conversation impressed me even more with my source's detailed knowledge of these kinds of operations. He had, for example, given me with complete accuracy and before I obtained confirmation the cryptonyms and code names of six such CIA projects. Now it turns out that he had also told me in advance of this technique. I do not know of any public mention ever.

He had told me this long ago over some of the Olson records. They report that Olson did farout things in response to hearing voices he recognized commanding him to do them. And they were the kinds of things he ordinarily would never have done.

This adds an entirely new and horrifying but completely real dimension. It is like potentiating the effect of drugs with audible stimuli that are readily transmitted. My source says that years ago transducers were used for this and that he is confident transmission has since been made more effective. What it means is that commands can be given by recognized but invisible authority. To a receptive and controlled subject. I do not know the means of reception of the transmission but I know that back in the 1920s radio broadcasts were received and the signals rectified, converted into audible sound by such common objects as tooth filings and by salts that had been injected into the body. With determination by those with money and power I see no reason to discount the possibility of such reception today.

With all that I have to do I believe this is worth some time. So, in a couple of hours, after he has had a chance to get to his office, I'll call my reporter friend. He may be off on assignment but if not he will have had my letter explaining his errors in copying and return. If he cannot send me what is missing immediately I'll tkae those pages of which I have only one copy and have a second set made and send it to my source. This will leave other pages he does not have but will enable him to master pages that may contain new information. In the long run it may be better for him not to have all of it at once. It will give him more time to digest and think.

If you want to know what the evil potential of all of this can be I now have records that show such programs existed before October 1952. The first record I have of Dulles' approval is 4/53. The wording of the approval is ambiguous. It makes me believe there was prior approval. That one is of the cryptonym, not the activity.

My source believes that Helms was privy to all of this for all or most of its life because if was under ~~Rmk~~ Plans, or clandestine activities. Prior to becoming Deputy Director, Plans or DDP, Helms was that man's assistant. Thereafter he never had a post that was not one of higher command in clandestine activity.

I'll keep you posted.

Best,